

**Informal Meeting Minutes
Monday, October 05, 2009
Meeting Scheduled Start Time: 10:00 AM**

**BOARD OF SUPERVISORS
Maricopa County, Arizona
(and the Boards of Directors of the Flood Control District,
Library District, Stadium District, Improvement Districts,
and/or Board of Deposit)**



"The mission of Maricopa County is to provide regional leadership and fiscally responsible, necessary public services to its residents so they can enjoy living in healthy and safe communities."

Board Members

Max Wilson, District 4, Chairman
Fulton Brock, District 1
Don Stapley, District 2
Andrew Kunasek, District 3
Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5

County Manager

David Smith

Clerk of the Board

Fran McCarroll

Meeting Location

BOS Conference Room
301 W. Jefferson, 10th Floor
Phoenix, Arizona 85003

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BOARD OF SUPERVISORS

The Board of Supervisors of Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, convened in Informal Session at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 05, 2009, in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max Wilson, Chairman, District 4; Fulton Brock, District 1; Don Stapley, District 2; Andrew Kunasek, District 3; and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5 (entered late). Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Liz Evans, Shirley Million, Minutes Coordinators; David Smith, County Manager; and Paul Golab, Outside Counsel to the Board.

PRESENTATION

Air Quality

1. 2009 STATUS UPDATE FOR MARICOPA COUNTY AIR QUALITY DEPARTMENT PROGRAMS

Presentation regarding the 2009 status update for Maricopa County Air Quality Department programs.(C-85-10-010-P-00)

Lawrence Odle, Department Director

The Chairman announced that this item would not be heard at this meeting.

ACTION

Clerk of the Board

2. SPECIAL EVENT LICENSES FOR OUR LADY OF LOURDES PARISH MENS CLUB

Pursuant to A.R.S. § 4-203.02, approve the six Special Event Liquor License Applications filed by Louis N. Garcia for Our Lady of Lourdes Men's Club at 14818 W. Deer Valley Drive, Sun City West, AZ. 85375 to be held on October 6, November 5 and December 3, 2009, and for January 7, February 4 and March 4, 2010 from 5:00 p.m. to 8:00 pm. (Supervisory District 4) (C-06-10-099-L-00)

Motion to approve by: Supervisor Stapley, Seconded by: Supervisor Kunasek
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Wilson
Nays: Brock
Absent: Wilcox

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3. AUTHORITY TO FILE LEGAL ACTION

Authorize legal action including filing and/or defending an appeal and taking other legal actions as may be appropriate regarding the Judgment in the matter of Andrew Thomas et al v. Maricopa County Board of Supervisors, CV-2008-033194 (C-06-10-114-M-00)

Motion to approve by: Supervisor Kunasek, Seconded by: Supervisor Brock
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilson
Absent: Wilcox

MEETING RECESSED

Chairman Wilson recessed the Board of Supervisors to convene as the Board of Directors of the Flood Control District.

~ Supervisor Wilcox entered during the Flood Control District meeting ~

MEETING RECONVENED

Chairman Wilson reconvened the Board of Supervisors.

4. EXECUTIVE SESSION

Vote to convene in Executive Session to consider items on the Executive Agenda dated October 05, 2009, for Board of Supervisors and relevant Special Districts pursuant to statutory authority listed for each item.

Motion to approve by: Director Stapley, Seconded by: Director Brock
Ayes: Kunasek, Stapley, Brock, Wilcox, Wilson

MEETING ADJOURNED

After considering items on the Executive Session agenda and there being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Max W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board

FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT

The Board of Directors of the Flood Control District of Maricopa County, Phoenix, Arizona, convened in Informal Session at 10:00 AM on Monday, October 05, 2009, in the Board of Supervisors Conference Room, 301 W. Jefferson, Phoenix, Arizona, with the following members present: Max Wilson, Chairman, District 4; Fulton Brock, District 1; Don Stapley, District 2; Andrew Kunasek, District 3 and Mary Rose Wilcox, District 5 (entered late). Also present: Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board; Liz Evans, Shirley Million, Minutes Coordinators; David Smith, County Manager; and Paul Golab, Outside Counsel to the Board.

F-1. PRESENTATION REGARDING THE FLOOD CONTROL DISTRICT OF MARICOPA COUNTY

Presentation regarding the 50th Anniversary of the Flood Control District and an update on the strategic plans and programs of the District. (C-06-10-115-P-00)

Tim Phillips, Chief Engineer and General Manager

Tim Phillips said they are reaching the end of the celebration of the 50th Year Anniversary of the Flood Control District and presented a video that covered some of the events that the County and District have experienced during that period.

~ Director Wilcox entered the meeting at 10:17 a.m. ~

The prelude to the video began with the sound of screeching brakes and Mr. Phillips said he was filming it in the middle of a rainstorm when he saw a pickup that had kids in the back skidding down the side of a wash filled with water. Dry desert soils have less ability to absorb, retain and store water which increases the risk of surface water collecting and flowing down natural washes. Mr. Phillips said the Flood Control District has been dedicated to protecting the lives and property of County residents against hazardous flooding for the past 50 years. The video covered such annual events as the monsoons and winter storms, which can last several days and have the potential for great damage. It also covered the structures built and methods devised to provide protection.

The earliest documented major flood was in March 1867 when both the Gila and Salt Rivers were impassable for more than a month. In February 1891, the Salt River flowed at an unprecedented 300,000 cubic feet per second, which is two and a half times the flow over Niagara Falls. Damage in the Valley was extensive - the Salt River in some areas running more than three-miles wide. In August 1921, 4,000 acres in downtown Phoenix, including the State Capitol Building, flooded when six inches of rain fell in two days. In October 1977 through February 1980, Phoenix was declared a disaster area three times from seven major flood events three-years in a row - - causing \$310 million in property damage.

Flooding is the most common natural disaster in Maricopa County and questions on how to control it began circulating in the 1930's. In 1957, the three most influential powers in Central Arizona, Maricopa County, the City of Phoenix and the Salt River Project (SRP), formed the Flood Protection Improvement Committee to work on a flood control plan. A report identifying specific needs was issued. In March 1959, Senate Bill 204 authorized the formation of flood control districts in the State of Arizona. The Maricopa County Board of Supervisors officially formed the Maricopa County Flood Control District in August 1959. The next 20 years saw the construction of numerous flood control structures. The District has now completed more than 140 structures (most of them huge systems), delineated more than 4,100 miles of floodplains and identified flood reducing solutions over nearly 50% of Maricopa County. More than 3,000 square miles of Maricopa County still need flood hazard evaluations. There are three ways to mitigate flood hazards: 1) avoid the hazard; 2) regulate development within the hazard, and 3) control the hazard by constructing and maintaining flood control structures

such as channels, levies, dams or basins. A community decides on which method to use for its citizens and the Flood Control District works with that community to facilitate their choice.

The next 50 years will also present many challenges to the District, with emphasis on planning and continued development in the County, especially outside the urban, metropolitan areas around Phoenix. Floodplain delineation and regulatory measures will take environmental needs and concerns into consideration. True flood hazard safety begins with County citizens who have been well educated on floods and flooding in this County.

Mr. Phillips said a new comprehensive plan is due, by statute, every five years and this video will be included in the next plan, which will be voted on by the Board at the formal meeting on Wednesday, October 7, 2009. He said their goal of protecting the lives and property of residents has been expanded to include compatible recreational uses that would not suffer from being under water for periods of flooding. He listed programs that have been in place the past few years and will continue to be served: 1) educating the public; 2) identifying flood hazards; 3) flood plain administration; 4) the regulatory program for new construction; 5) building and maintaining flood structures.

Mr. Phillips said that most of the flood hazards within Maricopa County have been identified and any projects that remain should be completed in the next two to three years. He explained the differences in topography needs in the East and West Valley and said the planned infrastructure, channels, basins and necessary storm drains, should all be built-out within the next ten years. After that the District will concentrate on being a maintenance organization and floodplain administrator as well as maintaining and updating what has been done to date.

Mr. Phillips said population growth and expansion of municipal boundaries will also bring change to the District. He explained that the public's desire for open space and recreational areas has increased and will continue to increase with additional growth and the District is designing projects to incorporate recreational design and to preserve habitats.

Most of the 22 dams are suffering aging infrastructure problems and dam safety efficiencies and updates will continue. He added that there is also an aging workforce at the District and 30% of employees have the potential to retire in the next five years and therefore some of the "quality" will be lost. Mr. Phillips outlined the District's planned forward movement to continue to strengthen their role as a regional leader. Meetings have been held with all of the cities and towns to educate them on the many services provided by the District. He added that the district constantly reviews internal processes to improve service to the community as a whole, as efficiently as possible.

MEETING ADJOURNED

There being no further business to come before the Board, the meeting was adjourned.

ATTEST:

Max W. Wilson, Chairman of the Board

Fran McCarroll, Clerk of the Board